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AFTER TWO DAYS OF INTENSIVE TALKS WITH ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN RICHARDSON IS  
PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR YUGOSLAVIA TOMORROW (AUGUST 30).

SECRETARY RICHARDSON, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF CULTURAL AND  
EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MET WITH DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTER VSILE GLIGA; VICE PRESIDENT ION DODU BALAN OF  
THE COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION; DIRECTOR VASILE  
FLOREA OF THE ROMANIAN AGENCY FOR ARTISTIC MANAGEMENT (ARIA); AND  
WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION ALEXE POPESCU.

THE TALKS COVERED THE COMPLETE RANGE OF ROMANIAN-AMERICAN  
CULTURAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AND  
SCHOLARS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PERFORMING ARTS EXCHANGES,  
AND EXCHANGES OF EXHIBITS.

ONE OF THE HIGH POINTS OF HIS VISIT WAS A TOUR OF THE AMERICAN  
LIBRARY. SECRETARY RICHARDSON WAS INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS  
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN LIBRARIES IN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES, WHICH LED TO THE LIBRARY AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED  
DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S 1969 VISIT TO BUCHAREST. THIS WAS THE  
SECRETARY'S FIRST VISIT TO ROMANIA, AND HE NOTED THAT IT WAS  
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FITTING THAT HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTIVITY WAS THE TOUR OF THE

LIBRARY, A PROJECT WHICH HE HAD WATCHED FROM AFAR FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

MRS. RICHARDSON HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE THE NEW ROMANIAN NATIONAL THEATER, WHICH IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS THE FAMED VILLAGE MUSEUM, THE NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM, AND THE ZAMBACCAN MUSEUM.

SECRETARY AND MRS. RICHARDSON ARRIVED IN ROMANIA FROM HUNGARY. THEY LEAVE EARLY AUGUST 30 FOR YUGOSLAVIA, AND GO FROM THERE TO THE SOVIET UNION, BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES.  
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